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WASHINGTON PARK COMPLETE STREETS IMPROVEMENTS

December 10, 2025
Public Open House #2



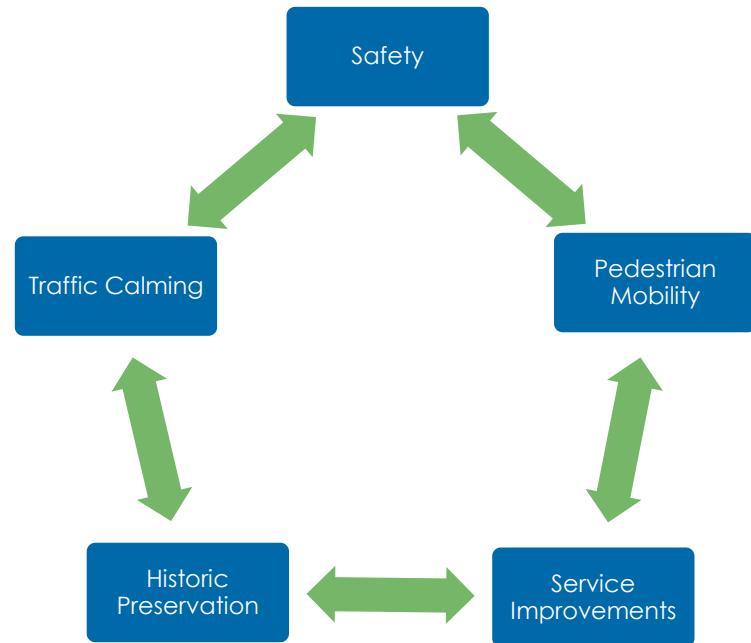
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PROJECT GOALS

- Improve mobility, safety, and access for all users
- Minimize the negative effects of traffic in the project area, while managing the needs of events and access to the Park
- Implement these transportation changes with input from stakeholders in ways that honor the historic nature of the Park



PUBLIC FEEDBACK SUMMARY

- ✓ Public comment summary available on City website
- ✓ 220 total comments received
 - 94 regarding Lancaster Street
 - 30 for improving pedestrian accommodations
 - 19 concerning parking impacts
 - 12 for bike accommodations
 - 11 regarding playground traffic



KEY DESIGN UPDATES – ZONES 1 & 2 (AKA THE PLAYGROUND)

✓ Option A (As-is)

- Access remains through park with raised crosswalks.
- Closure of Sprague Place with added hardscape pedestrian area.

✓ Option B (Dead-end, open Sprague)

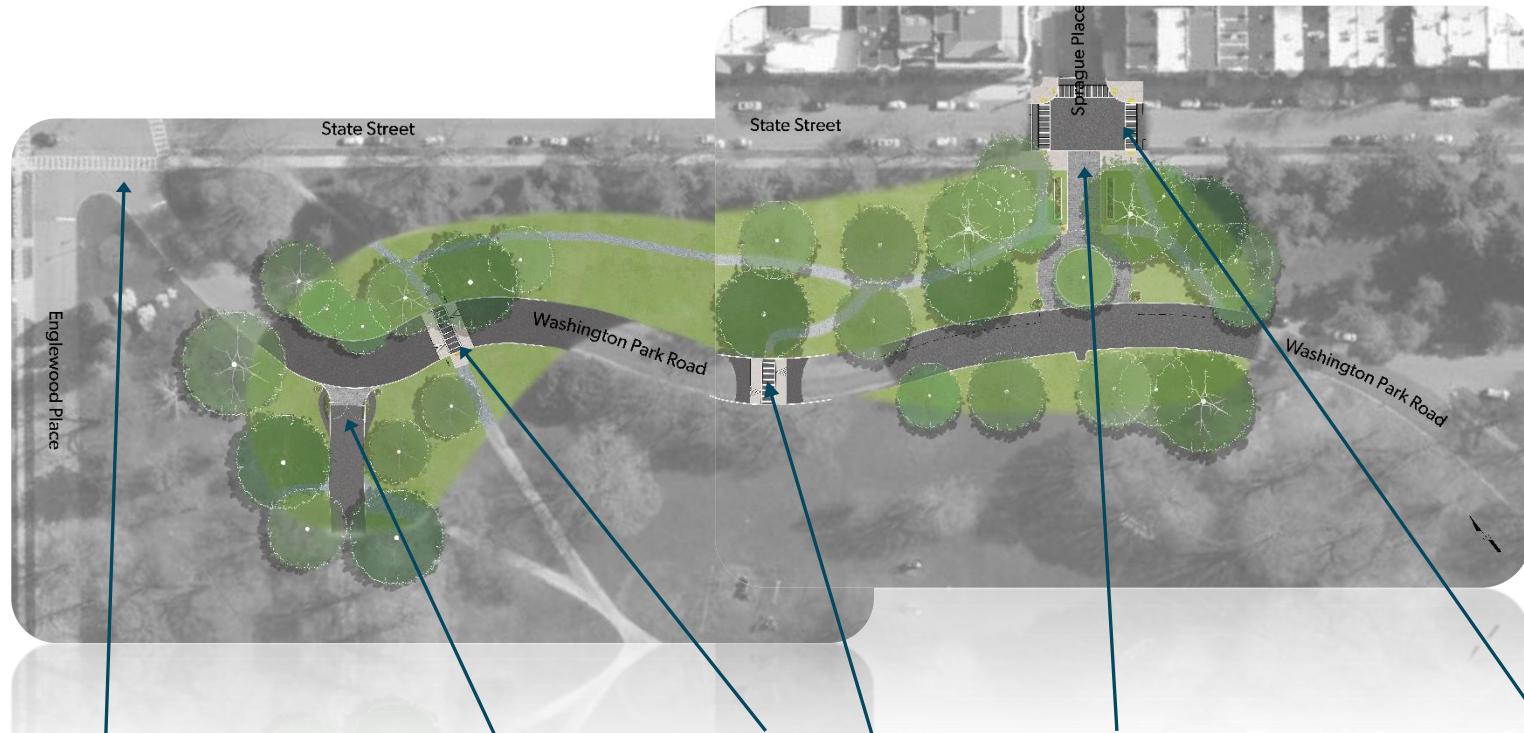
- Closure of park entrance & proposed dead-end turnaround for new playground.
- Sprague Place remains open with modified roadway configuration.

✓ Option C (One-way out, open Sprague)

- Washington Park Road converted to one-way; parking permitted on both sides of roadway.
- Sprague Place remains open with modified roadway configuration



ZONES 1 & 2 – OPTION A



Park entrance remains open to vehicular traffic in both directions; traffic signal remains

Service entrance improved with new gate and traversable curb; allows for bike and ped access

New raised crosswalks with RRFBs improve connection to playground

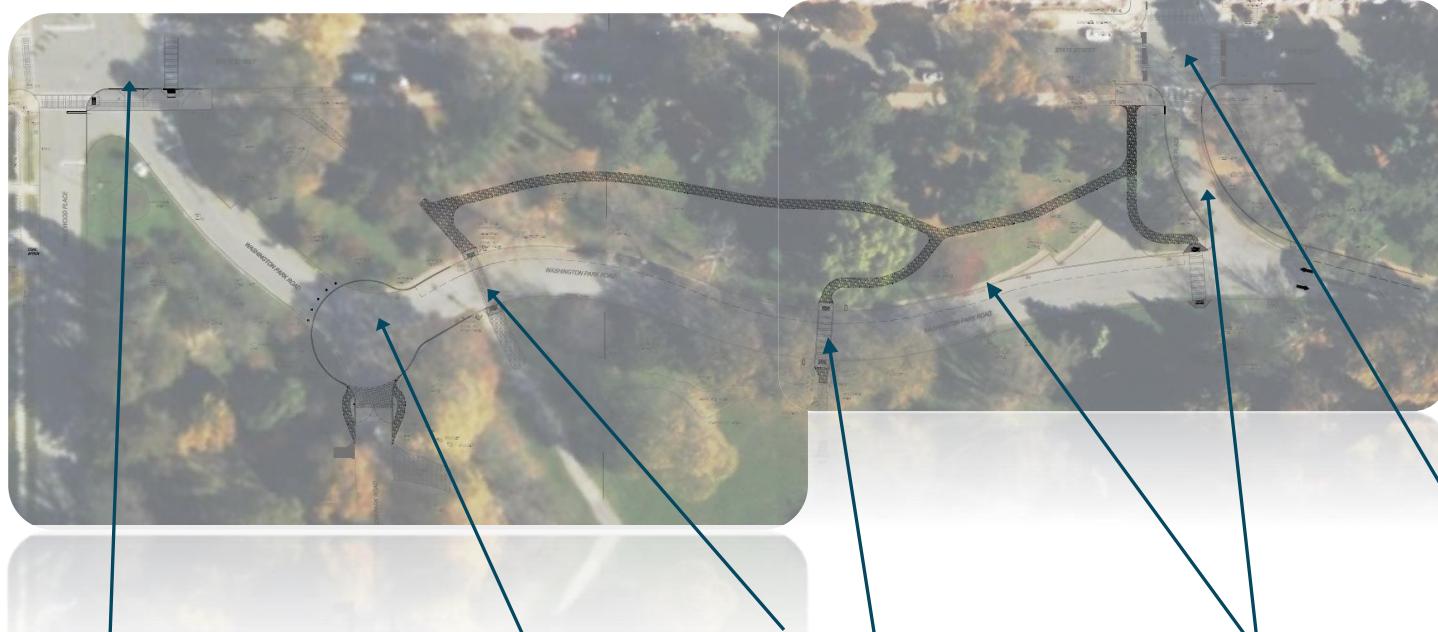
Park entrance closed to vehicular traffic; new gate allows for limited access during events, races, and parades

Traffic signal replaced with all-way stop, new crosswalks



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ZONES 1 & 2 – OPTION B



Park entrance closed to vehicular traffic; new gate allows for service vehicles and limited access during events

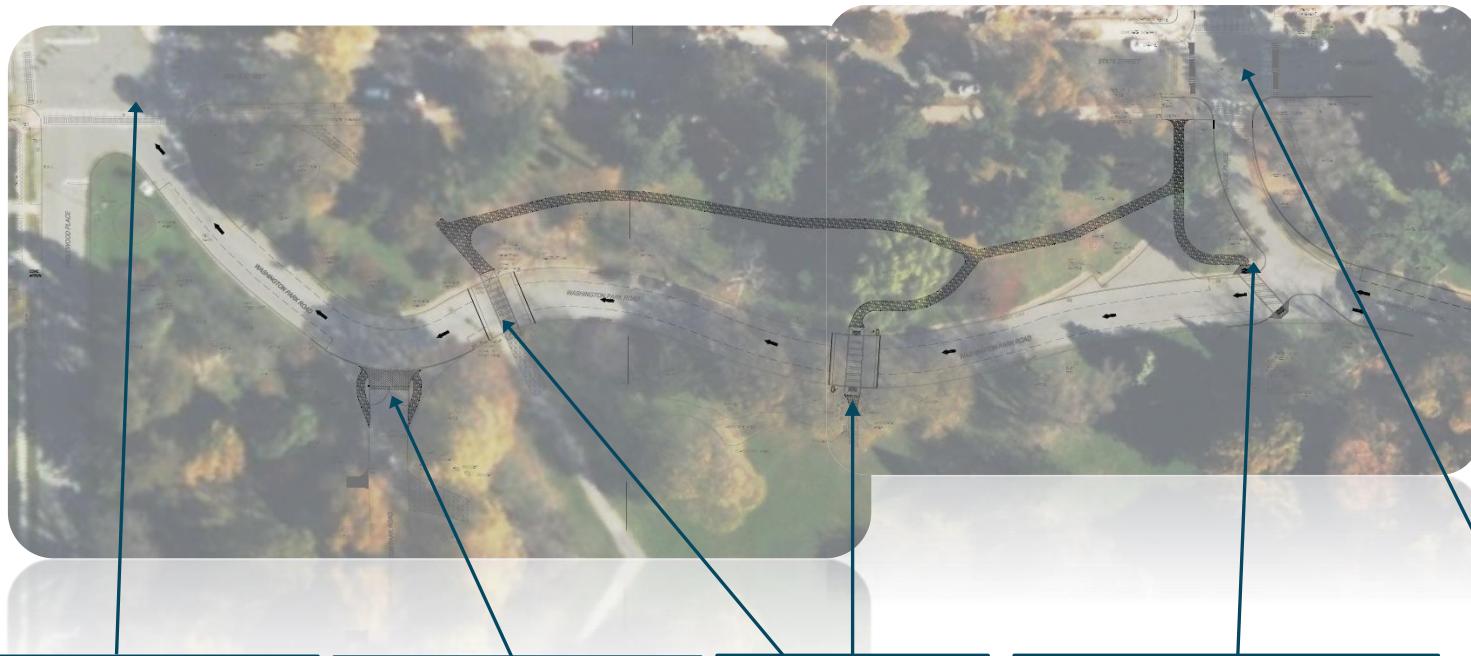
New turnaround created near service entrance; parking allowed along northern curb

New crosswalks improve connection to playground

Park entrance remains open to vehicular traffic; parking allowed along northern curb

Traffic signal replaced with all-way stop, new crosswalks

ZONES 1 & 2 – OPTION C



Park entrance remains open to vehicular traffic westbound only; parking allowed on both sides of road

Service entrance improved with new gate and traversable curb; allows for bike and ped access

New raised crosswalks improve connection to playground

Park entrance remains open to vehicular traffic; Washington Park Road now westbound only from Sprague Pl to State St

Traffic signal replaced with all-way stop, new crosswalks and bumpouts

KEY DESIGN UPDATES – ZONE 3



Henry Johnson Boulevard roadway narrowed significantly; shortens crossing distance and reduces speeds



Circular turnaround reduced to “hammerhead” dead-end to preserve existing mature trees

KEY DESIGN UPDATES – ZONE 4



Improved service road entrance with gate that allows pedestrian and bike access

Raised crosswalk at Knox Street Mall to improve pedestrian and bicycle crossings

Traffic signals replaced with all-way stops and new crossings

Lancaster Street park entrance remains open to vehicular traffic; roadway narrowed significantly to slow speeds; parking still allowed

KEY DESIGN UPDATES – SERVICE ENTRANCES



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PARKING & SIGNAL CHANGES

- ✓ Analyzed existing and proposed parking impacts
- ✓ Final parking impact dependent on Zone 1/2 selected concept
- ✓ Some loss of parking spaces due to new pedestrian crosswalks and bump-outs

PARKING COUNTS			
ZONE	LOSS	GAIN	NET
1	0	0	0
2	2	5	3
3	7	0	-7
4	2	2	0
5	7	2	-5
6	6	4	-2
7	0	0	0
8	4	0	-4
*TOTAL			-15



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*Use parking counts subject to change based on updated zoning data.

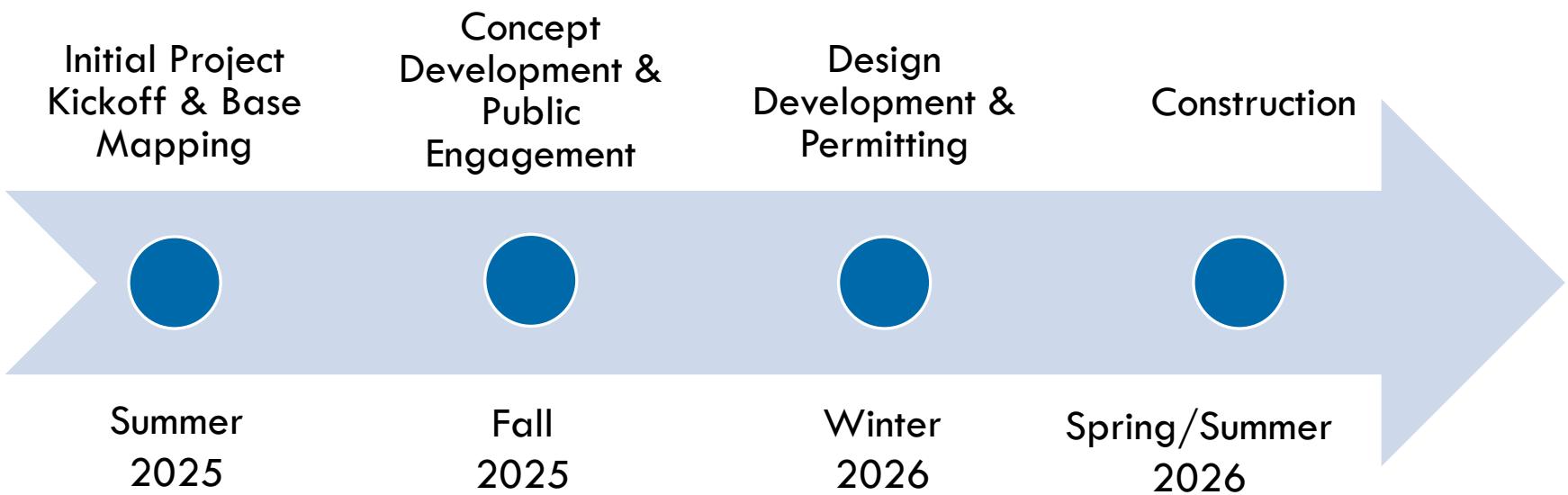


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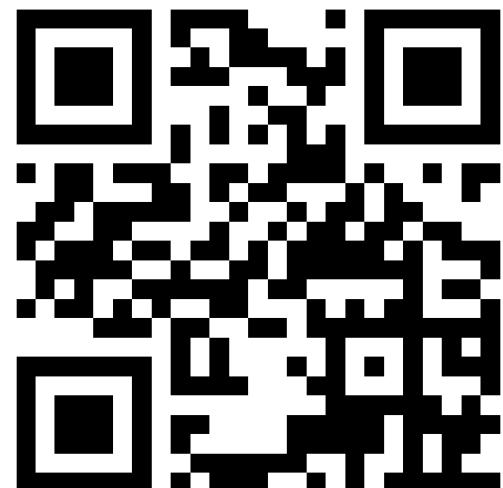
PROJECT SCHEDULE



PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND LEARN MORE ...

- Leave comments on the online form via QR code
- Visit the Complete Streets page:
<https://www.albanyny.gov/1931/Complete-Streets>
- Send an email to join the mailing list:
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COMMENTS DUE BY
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